Thursday, *the* *5th August 1943*
20th Karkadagam 1118

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at half past eleven of the clock with the Hon'ble the President (A. F. W. DIXON Esq., C. I. E., I. C. S.) in the Chair.

Messrs. C. J. Luiz, T. P. Poulose, L. M. Pylee and Khan Sahib Ismail Hajee Essa Sait were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* In view of the indifference shown in answering our questions, I do not put any more questions.

CINCHONA PLANTATION

104. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will Government be pleased to state whether Government have taken any action to start a Cinchona Plantation in the State and if so the progress made?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Cinchona has been planted in half an acre on the Nelliampathies as an experimental measure. The question of extending the area of cultivation is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. C. K. NAYAR, M. L. C.—FINING OF

105. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Mr. C. K. Nayar, M.L.C., has been fined or punished in connection with his work in the War Publicity or National War Front work;

(*b*) who appointed him;

(*c*) who punished him;

(*d*) what was the reason for the punishment?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* It is not in the public interest to reply to this question.

BEGGARS AND NOXIOUS DISEASES

106. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether beggars suffering from all kinds of noxious diseases are not frequenting house-fronts, front verandahs of houses and places of public resort like bus-stands, coffee-stall fronts, etc.;

(*b*) whether it is not in the interest of public health to stop it;

(*c*) whether Government are doing anything to stop it?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* (*a*) It may be that among beggars who frequent public places, there are persons suffering from noxious diseases.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) A committee has been appointed by Government to go into the question of beggar relief and a sum of Rs. 50,000 has been provided in the next year's budget for working out the scheme formulated in this behalf.

TRENCHING GROUND—MATTANCHERI

107. Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the distance between the trenching ground of Mattancheri and Northern extremity of Mattancheri Town;

(*b*) how the night soil is carried at present to the ground?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* (*a*) About seven miles.

(*b*) When petrol is available, buckets with nightsoil are carried in the motor lorry and when petrol is not available they are drawn by the scavengers to the trenching ground.

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Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri):* May I know how many lorries are there?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I think they have got a big lorry which may contain any number of these buckets.

Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri):* Do the Government think that it is sufficient?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is sufficient. There has been no complaint that it is insufficient.

DELAY IN HARVESTING—DAMAGE TO CROPS

108. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any crops, Kole or Puncha were delayed in harvest due to the orders of the Government in this behalf;

(*b*) whether any crops has been lost or damaged as a consequence of the delay;

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative whether Government have enquired into this matter?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* (*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The question does not arise, in view of the answer to (*b*).

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know whether any orders have been issued by the Commissioner to the effect that sanction should be obtained before the crops are harvested?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* No orders have been issued.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* Is it necessary that orders should be taken before the harvest, or that information alone is to be given.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Only information.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* After information is given, is it not your order to the effect that the cultivator has to subject himself to the directions of either the Tahsildar or his deputies?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* If any direction is given, then it may be complied with.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* The order is to the effect that "you shall give notice and subject yourself to the directions of the Tahsildar or his deputies".

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* That is if any direction is given.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* The practice is, the village Menon comes and says "you must give me a kaichit that so many paras should be given to me".

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* No such complaint has been received.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will you do well to rectify this?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes.

Mr. President: If there is anything like that, it will be rectified.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* If this is the way in which the things are being done, I request Government to rectify it, because the harvest is at our doors now.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* Are the Government aware that these Parvathyams are objecting to reap the harvest before giving a statement?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* No. The statement is just to ascertain the approximate yield, not as a matter of compulsion.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* Will you be pleased to issue an order to these Parvathyams that they should not object, so that the crops may be harvested, and the next crops raised?

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know whether the Parvathyams were reaping the harvest? It would seem from the discussion that the Parvathyams are reaping the harvest.

ERIES IN CHITTUR TALUK—PARTICULARS OF

109. Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of private "eries" (ഏരി) under (*a*) Mulathura system (*b*) the Thembaramadaku system (*c*) the Kunnamkattupathi system and (*d*) the Nurnee system, which have been assessed as (1) double crop nilam (2) as single crop nilam and (3) as paramba during the settlement. (The categories under each system to be shown separately);

(*b*) the number of "eries" assessed as (1) single crop nilam and (2) as paramba and later on used as land and not as ഏരി?

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